

## Coastal Management Performance Measurement System Explanation of General Terms

**Performance Measure:** indicators that describe trends in the effectiveness and impact of the Coastal Zone Management Program over time.

**Contextual Measure:** indicators that describe trends in environmental and socio-economic circumstances that may greatly influence actions of the CZM program.

**Coastal Zone Management Program:** the approved state coastal management program, including the network of agencies that implements enforceable policies incorporated in the Coastal Zone Management program.

**Coastal Zone Management Act Funding:** federal funds appropriated through the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) and the required matching funds included in the CZMA award application.

**Matching Funds:** funds or in-kind services provided by state and local agencies or organizations that are included in the annual CZMA award application to satisfy the federally required ratio of non-federal to federal funds.

**Leveraged Funds:** funds or in-kind services applied to CZM program activities that are not included in the CZMA award application to satisfy federal requirements for match.

**Geographic Reporting Area:** unless otherwise specified, performance and contextual measures will be reported for program activities within the approved coastal management program boundary (i.e. the coastal zone).

**Reporting Period:** the range of time for which program activities are considered for inclusion in the Performance Measurement System. The reporting period will match each program's grant year. For example, states with a July 1 award start date will use July 1 to June 30 as their reporting period. Activities occurring during those 12 months will be reported for the Performance Measurement System. For states with an October 1 award start date, the reporting period will be October 1 to September 30. Activities to be considered for inclusion in the Performance Measurement System are not limited to the most recent award, but should include activities funded under any CZM award active during the reporting period.

**Baseline:** the 12-month period in which performance and contextual measures are first reported for each category will be used as baseline data for the purpose of evaluating changes in measures over time. Because the Performance Measurement System will be implemented through a phased approach, the baseline will not be identical for each category. Based on the implementation schedule currently proposed, the 12 month baseline for each category begins with the award start date as follows:

- Public Access and Government Coordination and Decision-making: 2005
- Coastal Habitat and Coastal Water Quality: 2006
- Coastal Hazards and Coastal Community Development and Dependent Uses: 2007